

Ontario Reducing Carbon Footprint, Boosting Care Through \$7.4 million in Funding to 15 North East LHIN Hospitals

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Ontario is investing in hospitals to improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gases and redirect savings into patient care across the province.

The Hospital Energy Efficiency Program will help hospitals save energy and encourage the use of more renewable energy technologies. North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) hospitals are receiving \$7.4 million in funding for 20 energy-efficiency projects. (SEE FULL LIST OF HOSPITALS RECEIVING FUNDING ON PAGE 2.)

“Reducing Northeastern Ontario hospital energy costs will help the environment, our hospitals and ultimately Northerners as savings can be directed to frontline patient care. Altogether 15 hospitals will benefit from more than \$7.4 million in provincial funding to become more energy efficient,” said Kate Fyfe, Interim CEO of the North East LHIN.

This year, Ontario is funding 180 projects at 98 hospitals across the province, including 117 heating, ventilation and air conditioning projects, 35 lighting projects and 28 projects that address other energy efficiency needs at hospitals. As a result of these and other improvements, almost five megatons of carbon dioxide equivalent gases are expected to be eliminated from the environment by 2050, the equivalent to taking about 40,000 vehicles off our roads. By 2020-21, it is estimated that over \$60 million will be generated in annual energy-related savings.

This program is an initiative of the Climate Change Action Plan and uses proceeds from Ontario’s carbon market to modernize facilities such as hospitals, universities, and heritage buildings.

Improving patient care at hospitals across the province is part of Ontario’s plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, easier access to affordable child care, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25 through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation.

Quotes

“The Hospital Energy Efficiency Program is another example of the government’s commitment

to reducing the environmental impact of our health care system. These new investments will help ensure hospitals can focus on helping patients get timely access to appropriate, high-quality health care within a sustainable system.”

— Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“Ontario’s actions to help hospitals fight climate change and improve energy efficiency will reduce greenhouse gas pollution, increase patient comfort and redirect savings into patient care across the province. Our Climate Change Action Plan and carbon market are working together to help reduce greenhouse gas pollution and save energy costs while ensuring a cleaner, healthier and more prosperous low-carbon future for all Ontarians.”

— Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Health Care Facility	Project Category	Hospital Total
NORTH EAST LHIN		\$7,419,672
Blind River District Health Centre	HVAC, Other	\$143,181
Englehart and District Hospital Inc.	HVAC	\$200,000
Espanola General Hospital	HVAC, Building Envelope Project	\$99,137
Health Sciences North	HVAC	\$1,291,700
Hornepayne Community Hospital	HVAC, Lighting Projects	\$82,000
Kirkland and District Hospital	Other	\$163,733
Lady Minto Hospital at Cochrane	Lighting Projects	\$18,000
Manitoulin Health Centre	HVAC, Lighting Projects	\$45,444
North Bay Regional Health Centre	HVAC	\$337,159
Sensenbrenner Hospital	HVAC	\$572,404
St. Joseph’s General Hospital, Elliott Lake	HVAC	\$1,859,250
Temiskaming Hospital	HVAC, Lighting	\$143,750
Timmins and District Hospital	Building Envelope Project	\$120,000
West Nipissing General Hospital	HVAC	\$2,232,714
West Parry Sound Health Centre	Building Envelope Project	\$111,200

QUICK FACTS

- Ontario is investing \$64 million this year in the Hospital Energy Efficiency Program.
- As part of the [2017 Budget](#), Ontario is also spending an additional \$9 billion for new hospital projects, bringing the total planned investment in hospital infrastructure to more than \$20 billion over the next 10 years.
- Ontario is making the largest investment in hospitals, schools, public transit, roads and bridges in the province's history – more than \$190 billion in public infrastructure over 13 years, starting in 2014-15. To learn more about what's happening in your community, go to Ontario.ca/BuildON.
- The Climate Change Action Plan and carbon market form the backbone of Ontario's [strategy](#) to cut greenhouse gas pollution to 15 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020, 37 per cent by 2030 and 80 per cent by 2050. The government will report on the plan's implementation annually and review the plan at least every five years.
- Ontario's carbon market proceeds will be invested into projects that help families lower their energy costs and save money.

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- [Climate Change Action Plan](#)
- [Cap and Trade Program](#)
- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)
- [2017 Ontario Budget](#)
- [Building Together, Ontario's Long-Term Infrastructure Plan](#)

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